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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004. All rejections and objections of the Examiner are respectfully traversed. Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 9 for not further limiting claim 6, from which it depended. Claim 9 has been cancelled herein.

In paragraphs 1-13 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-16 and 18 under the non-statutory, judicially created doctrine of double patenting, citing United States Patent No. 6,665,755, co-pending application for United States patent serial number 09/742,288, co-pending application for United States patent serial number 09/741,845, co-pending application for United States patent 09/741,857, and co-pending application for United States patent serial number 09/741,999. Enclosed herewith are Terminal Disclaimers in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) with respect to United States Patent No. 6,665,755, co-pending application for United States patent serial number 09/742,288, co-pending application for United States patent serial number 09/741,845, co-pending application for United States patent 09/741,857, and co-pending application for United States patent serial number 09/741,999. The Terminal Disclaimers enclosed herewith are respectfully believed to overcome all rejections of paragraphs 1-13 of the Office Action.

As all rejections and objections having been overcome, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections and objections of the Office Action be withdrawn. Reconsideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

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Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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